

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a control arrangement for the pressure medium supply of at least two hydraulic consumers in accordance with the preamble of claim 1, consumers, and a method for controlling such consumers in accordance with the preamble of claim 9. consumers.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With regard to the control arrangement, this object is achieved through the features of claim 1, and with regard to the method by the features of independent claim 9. the enclosed claims.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The pressure compensators arranged downstream from the meter-in orifices are subjected to the pressure downstream from the respective meter-in orifice in the opening direction, and in the closing direction to a control pressure which prevails in a rearward control chamber and usually corresponds to the highest load pressure of all the hydraulic consumers supplied by a same hydraulic pump. If, upon concurrent actuation of several hydraulic consumers, the meter-in orifices are opened to such an extent that the quantity of pressure medium supplied from the hydraulic pump adjusted to the limit is smaller than the total demanded quantity of pressure medium, the quantities of pressure medium flowing to the single hydraulic consumers are reduced proportionally, independently of the respective load pressure of the hydraulic consumers. Accordingly, this case is referred to as a control with load-independent flow distribution (~~Lastunabhängige Durchflussverteilung: LUDV~~

~~control~~)-(flow divider principle). Because in such a ~~LUDV~~-control the highest load pressure is furthermore tapped, and a supply pressure higher than the highest load pressure by a particular pressure difference is generated by the pressure medium source, a ~~LUDV~~-control with load-independent flow distribution practically is a special case of a load-sensing control.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 6, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The figure shows a circuit diagram of a hydraulic control arrangement 1 in accordance with the invention, which practically constitutes a modified ~~LUDV~~-control with load-independent flow distribution system.